



BEARFACTS 1996 – 2006

Asheville-Brevard (BEA-EA) [57010]

Asheville-Brevard is one of 179 BEA Economic Areas in the nation. Its 2006 population of 648,684 ranked 100th in the nation.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2006 Asheville-Brevard had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$28,917. This PCPI ranked 131st in the United States and was 79 percent of the national average, \$36,714. The 2006 PCPI reflected an increase of 5.9 percent from 2005. The 2005-2006 national change was 5.6 percent. In 1996 the PCPI of Asheville-Brevard was \$20,151 and ranked 104th in the United States. The 1996-2006 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 3.7 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 4.3 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2006 Asheville-Brevard had a total personal income (TPI) of \$18,757,872*. This TPI ranked 103rd in the United States. In 1996 the TPI of Asheville-Brevard was \$11,598,180* and ranked 99th in the United States. The 2006 TPI reflected an increase of 7.4 percent from 2005. The 2005-2006 national change was 6.7 percent. The 1996-2006 average annual growth rate of TPI was 4.9 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 5.4 percent.

COMPONENTS OF TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

Total personal income includes net earnings by place of residence; dividends, interest, and rent; and personal current transfer receipts received by the residents of Asheville-Brevard. In 2006 net earnings accounted for 56.5 percent of TPI (compared with 57.6 in 1996); dividends, interest, and rent were 21.7 percent (compared with 23.4 in 1996); and personal current transfer receipts were 21.8 percent (compared with 19.0 in 1996). From 2005 to 2006 net earnings increased 5.9 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 11.1 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 7.9 percent. From 1996 to 2006 net earnings increased on average 4.7 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 4.2 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 6.4 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Asheville-Brevard increased from \$11,258,640* in 2005 to \$11,949,570* in 2006, an increase of 6.1 percent. The 2005-2006 national change was 5.7 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1996 estimate of \$7,452,079* to the 2006 estimate was 4.8 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 5.5 percent.

**Note: All income estimates with the exception of PCPI are in thousands of dollars, not adjusted for inflation.*

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